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NEW THERAPEUTIC METHODS NOTED

Sleep Therapy

For the past year doctors have hailed with increasing fervor the attributes of the sleep therapy being used at Volnovakha Rayon Hospital. This treatment, whose foundation lies in Pavlov's theories of the benign effects of retardation caused by sleep, has been used successfully in treating patients with ulcers, acute forms of radiculitis, hypertonia, and trophic ulcers. This sleep treatment proved more successful than any other known therapeutic method.

Recently the Volnovakha Scientific Medical Society heard a report on the value of this sleep therapy. Neuropathologists, therapists, surgeons, and gynecologists were high in their praise of this method. Doctors assigned to rayon hospitals came to the conclusion that this method should be promoted as a special service to be offered by all hospitals. They urge a wide educational program which will permit the organization of "sleep therapy departments" on a large scale. -- Dr Ye. Panchenko, Volnovakha, Stalino Oblast

Vitamin-Fortified Blood

It has been noticed that in many cases of trauma there is an immediate decrease in the Vitamin C content of the blood. Therefore, in many cases, patients who require blood transfusions are given blood which is fortified with Vitamin C. D. M. Gerasov and V. O. Krasnopol'skaya, chiefs of the Laboratory of Blood Transfusion, Order of Lenin Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusion, developed a new method for preparing vitamin-fortified blood which can be stored for long periods without losing its potency. This method has been reviewed and approved by the Scientific Medical Council, Ministry of Public Health USSR, and is being used by several USSR institutions.

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